CFAC Minutes 11/17/2020

Today's CFAC call was held to discuss two different proposals for the committee, one on re-allocation of previous CFAC allocations and one from the Idaho Military Division.

Chairman Adams called the committee at order at 4:01pm. All committee members were present expect for Seth Griggs, Chantel Greene, and Representative Wintrow.

First, Charmain Adams discussed pulling back unused dollars so that CFAC can continue to address emerging needs during the pandemic, such as the Veterans Home support, National Guard deployment, and potential need for temporary medical facilities. First was a previous allocation to the Department of Juvenile Corrections, totaling \$2.57 million, for the proposed upgrades of their facility in St. Anthony; it became apparent that the project could not be completed before the December 30th deadline. Adams noted that the Governor intends to address this ongoing need as part of his budget recommendation in January. Along with this, Chairman Adams proposed to pullback the unused funds from the Governor's Public Safety Initiative totaling \$61.1 million. Senator Bair asked if the pullback of this money would affect the amount of direct support cities and counties as part of the initial CFAC allocation. Chairman Adams clarified that this money was separate from the allocations cities and counties have received as part of those initial allocations, and that those initial allocations remain. Adams called for public comment, and no public comments were offered. Bobbi-Jo Meuleman motioned to pull back the dollars, seconded by Tom Kealey. The motion passed unanimously.

Next, Brad Richy from the Idaho Military Division presented the request for \$2 million to bring 100 guardsmen to active state duty for the COVID-19 crisis. These costs include funding for their equipment, travel, and pier diem for the 100 guardsmen to support the state in various capacities related to COVID-19 such as helping in hospitals or with other medical needs within cities and counties. Tom Kealey asked for clarification on the average cost per guardsmen stating that it would be \$20,000 per day; Richy stated that this is their current best estimate to how much it will cost for travel, equipment, salary, and per-diem for each solider. Tom Kealey moved to accept the proposal as presented, seconded by Joshua Whitworth.

Chairman Adams concluded the committee meeting stating that the goal of CFAC is to be winding down but will meet as new needs arise.